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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, IN, PK

SUBJ: INVITATIONS TO INDIAN AND PAKISTANI AIR FORCE  
CHIEFS OF STAFF

1. AS PART OF ROUTINE ANNUAL SCHEDULING OF FOREIGN VISITORS, USAF IS CONSIDERING INVITATIONS TO INDIAN AND PAK AIR FORCE CHIEFS OF STAFF TO VISIT US DURING 1974. LAST SUCH INVITATIONS WERE ISSUED IN 1971, AT WHICH TIME INDIAN COS VISIT ACCOMPLISHED AS SCHEDULED BUT PAK DID NOT COME BECAUSE OF CRISIS.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RESUME THESE VISITS, TREATING THEM AS NORMAL ROUTINE CONTACT BETWEEN MILITARY CHIEFS. THE USAF IS NOW THINKING OF MID-APRIL AS A TENTATIVE DATE FOR AN INVITATION TO THE PAKISTANI AIR FORCE COS. THE INVITATION TO THE INDIAN AIR FORCE COS COULD FOLLOW AT SOME POINT THEREAFTER, SINCE INDIAN WAS MOST RECENTLY IN US.

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3. WE RECOGNIZE THESE WOULD BE FIRST VISITS SINCE 1971

CRISIS AND INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW ARMS SUPPLY POLICY. WE  
WOULD NOT WANT DELHI AND ISLAMABAD TO READ ANY EXAGGERATED  
POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE INTO INVITATIONS. BEFORE MAKING  
DECISION TO PROCEED WITH INVITATIONS, WOULD THEREFORE  
APPRECIATE EMBASSIES' ASSESSMENTS OF ANY POLITICAL  
IMPLICATIONS OF VISITS AND JUDGMENT RE TIMING. RUSH

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